

**What is claimed is:**

- 1    1. A package (10) for packaging coffee or tea particulate (12) is provided, the package  
2    including:
  - 3       (a) a pouch (14) filled with the particulate; and
  - 4       (b) a pressurizable container (16), wherein the pouch is packaged inside the  
5    container, optionally in a CO<sub>2</sub> environment under pressures exceeding ambient pressure,  
6    and hermetically sealed therein.
- 1    2. The package (10) of claim 1, wherein the pressurizable container (16) is a two-piece  
2    container.
- 1    3. The package (10) of claim 1, wherein the pouch (14) is filled with particulate (12) of a  
2    quantity sufficient for brewing at least two cups of coffee.
- 1    4. The package (10) of claim 2, wherein the two-piece container (16) is a can comprised  
2    of a first, cup-shaped portion (20) having an opening (21), and a second covering piece  
3    (22) having a shape corresponding to the opening for covering the opening, wherein the  
4    pouch (14) is packaged inside the cup-shaped portion, optionally in a CO<sub>2</sub> environment  
5    under pressures exceeding ambient pressure, and hermetically sealed therein by sealingly  
6    engaging the second covering piece with the opening of the cup-shaped portion.
- 1    5. The package (10) of claim 3, wherein the two-piece container (16) is a can comprised  
2    of a first, cup-shaped portion (20) having an opening (21), and a second covering piece

3 (22) having a shape corresponding to the opening for covering the opening, wherein the  
4 pouch (14) is packaged inside the cup-shaped portion, optionally in a CO<sub>2</sub> environment  
5 under pressures exceeding ambient pressure, and hermetically sealed therein by sealingly  
6 engaging the second covering piece with the opening of the cup-shaped portion.

1 6. The package (10) of one of claims 4 or 5, wherein the second covering piece (22) is  
2 disk-shaped and includes an opening tab (42) to facilitate opening of the container (16),  
3 thus permitting access to the pouch (14).

1 7. The package (10) of claim 1, wherein the particulate (12) is sealed in the pouch (14).

1 8. The package (10) of claim 1, wherein the pouch (14) is made of filter material.

1 9. The package (10) of claim 8, wherein the filter material is selected from a group of  
2 materials consisting of porous paper, porous cellulose, and porous woven material  
3 constructed so as to be sufficiently strong to withstand the stresses induced upon opening  
4 the package.

1 10. The package (10) of claim 1, wherein such package is formed so as to be efficiently  
2 packagable together with other such packages, in a system (56) including a sleeve (60),  
3 wherein at least two packages may be inserted inside the sleeve.

1    11. The package (10) of claim 10, wherein the package is stored within the sleeve (60) in  
2    a longitudinal orientation.

1    12. The package (10) of claim 10, wherein the sleeve (60) is transparent and semi-rigid.

1    13. The package (10) of claim 10, wherein the sleeve (60') comprises an inner and outer  
2    portion (70, 72), the portions telescoping so as to adjust the height and thus the package  
3    storage capacity of the sleeve.

1    14. The package (10) of claim 13, wherein at least one of the portions (70, 72) is  
2    transparent and cup shaped, having a closed end (76) and an open end (80), and measuring  
3    marks (82) interspersed along its length, so as to serve as a measuring beaker for liquid,  
4    such as water.

1    15. The package (10) of claim 10, wherein the sleeve (60') is made of a printable  
2    material.

1    16. A method (100) of packaging tea or coffee particulate (12), the method comprising the  
2    steps of:

3         (a) filling a filter pouch (14) with particulate;  
4         (b) closing the pouch;  
5         (c) inserting the filled filter pouch (14) through an opening (21) into a first, cup-  
6         shaped portion (20) of a two-piece, pressurizable container (16); and

7               (d) hermetically sealing the pouch inside the cup-shaped portion by sealing a  
8 second, covering portion (22) over the opening.

1     17. The method (100) of claim 16, wherein the sealing seals above-ambient pressure CO<sub>2</sub>  
2 gas into the container (16) prior to sealing of the container.

1     18. The method (100) of claim 17, wherein, prior to sealing, pellets (28) of dry ice are  
2 placed inside the container (16).